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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "CLEAN OCEANS" STAMPS

1. The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the second set of commemorative stamps for 1992 on Friday, 13 March. The "Clean Oceans" stamps will be a set of three miniature sheets each depicting a lush and colourful scene of marine life. The designer, Braldt Bralds, Netherlands, also designed the very popular 1988 "Survival of the Forests" issue in the same format. The stamps will be printed in offset lithography by the House of Questa, United Kingdom. The 12-stamp sheet consists of 2 horizontal rows of 6 stamps each. The stamps will measure 35.5 mm horizontally x 40.64 mm vertically, perforation to perforation (perforation: 14).

2. Owing to the mini-sheet format, the stamps will be available in selling units of SINGLES (one vertical attached se-tenant pair) and FULL SHEETS ONLY.

3. First day covers will be available as follows:

Single:	Two covers with two separate stamps
M.I. block of 4:	Four stamps, i.e., two se-tenant pairs
Combination:	Vertically attached se-tenant pair.

SPECIAL FIRST DAY COVERS

4. For the first time, UNPA will also offer jumbo covers on which the entire full sheet will be affixed and appropriately cancelled.

5. In addition, in response to collectors' demands, UNPA will also make available triple-cancelled covers. For this issue, the triple-cancelled cover will consist of the jumbo-sized cachet with vertical attached se-tenant pairs of each denomination affixed and appropriately cancelled on first day of issue.

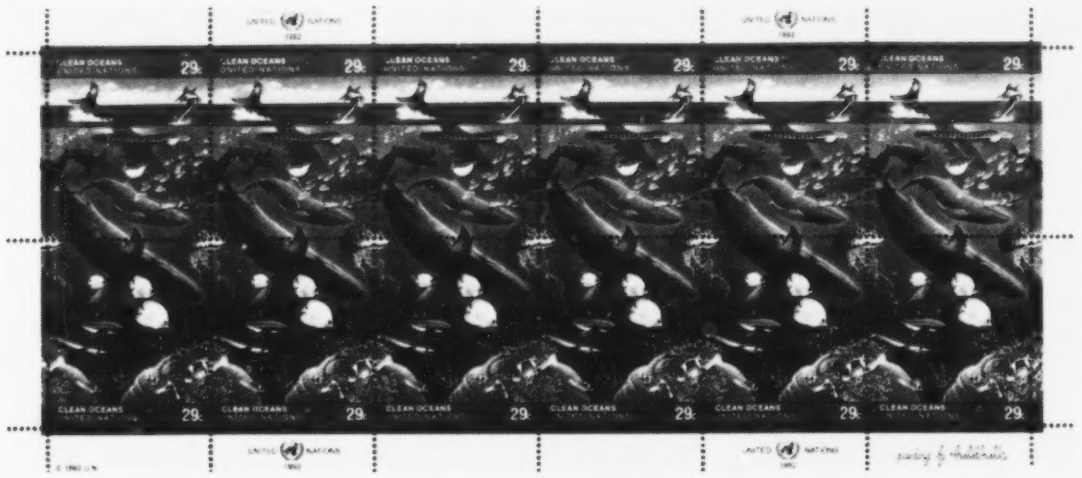
BLUE-WHITE CARD

6. To commemorate the special ceremonies that will be held on shipboard and in various European cities to mark the first day of issue of the "Clean Oceans" stamps on 13 March 1992, UNPA will make available to collectors its first-ever blue-white card.

7. The blue-white card will be designed in a folded format. The inside front cover will contain the commemorative cachets for Kiel, Stockholm, Travemünde, Oslo and Helsinki, the ports of call of the ships on which first day of issue ceremonies will be held. These cachets will be in German, Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish, as appropriate.

8. On the inside back cover, the three se-tenant pairs of the "Clean Oceans" stamps will be affixed and appropriately cancelled first day of issue New York, Geneva and Vienna. This cover will also have the commemorative cachets for each of the cruises in either English, French or German, the working languages of the three UNPA offices. The back cover will have the usual format of a postal card so that collectors may mail the item if they so desire.

9. The cards may be purchased at a cost of $5 and will be available until 12 June 1992.



Denomination: 29¢ Quantity: 2,016,000

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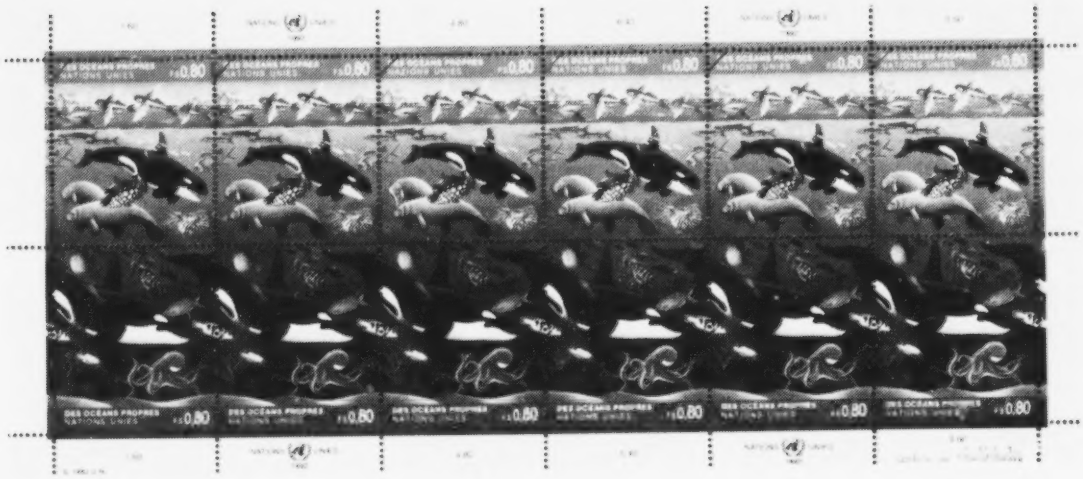

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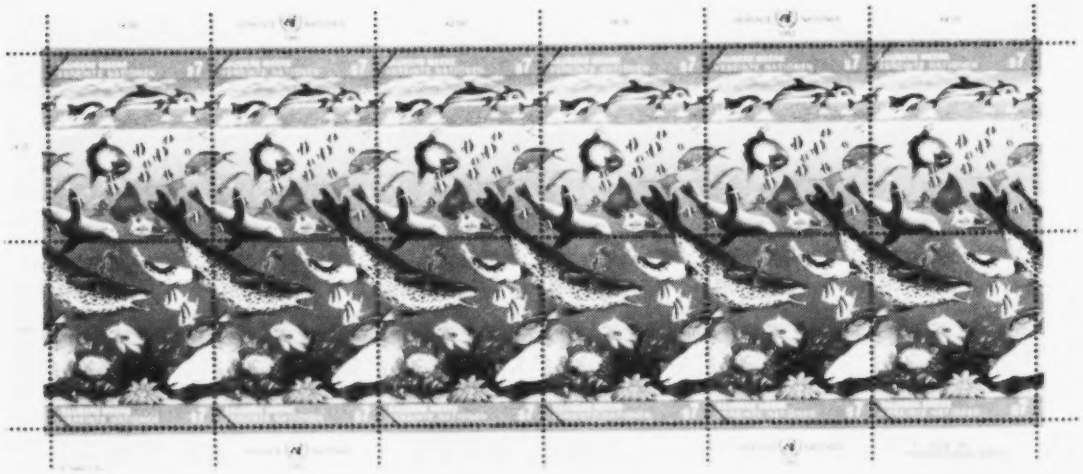
(United States equivalent: 62¢)*



Denomination: S 7 Quantity: 2,952,000
(United States equivalent: 69¢)*

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* Subject to exchange rate fluctuation.

10. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets ONLY.

11. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first day cancellations on Friday, 13 March, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.